

# **Governor Daniels and Commissioner J. David Donahue to Kick-off National Correctional Employees Week**

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J. David Donahue,  
Commissioner



Governor Daniels Signs Bill as Commissioner Donahue and Deputy Commissioner Motley Look On

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Indianapolis, Indiana (May 8, 2006) - Governor Mitch Daniels joined Commissioner J. David Donahue and correctional employees throughout the state to kick off National Correctional Employees Week.

The Governor issued a formal proclamation that declares today through May 14 as Correctional Employees Week in the State of Indiana, calling for all Hoosiers to acknowledge the outstanding job that correctional employees perform on a daily basis within a high-risk environment, in service to public safety for the State of Indiana.

"Enormous positive changes have taken place in the state and in corrections because of Dave Donahue and because of you," said Governor Daniels. "Tens of millions of dollars have been saved and reinvested. A new meaning of re-entry has been created."

A memorial service was held outside the Indiana State House to recognize 12 fallen heroes who lost their lives in the line of duty while serving with the Department. The ceremony ended with the ceremonial signing of the Senate Bill 332 Hazardous Duty by Governor Daniels.

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Commissioner J. David Donahue commented, "I am proud of the work correctional employees do, everyday. You all have the tough job of maintaining public safety and dealing with challenging situations. This is your week and I commend you for doing an outstanding job."

"Governor Daniels realizes and appreciates the environment you deal with and supports your profession. He has shown his full support of you by passing the Department's initiative to improve benefits for correctional workers."

### Staff Who Died in the Line of Duty

George Chamberlain Custody Officer  
State Prison/Jeffersonville May 12, 1874

Hiram B. McWilliams Custody Officer  
Indiana Reformatory/Jeffersonville November 21, 1911

Ora Ambrose Baker  
Indiana Boys' School October 18, 1913

William Spears Steward  
Indiana Boys' School October 18, 1913

David Lovette Officer/Teacher  
Indiana Boys' School October 17, 1918

Paul Stokesberry Officer/Teacher  
Indiana Boys' School October 18, 1918

Virgil Oren Custody Officer  
Indiana Reformatory/Jeffersonville January 22, 1919

John H. Grimm Custody Officer  
Indiana Reformatory/Jeffersonville May 8, 1921

Harold Rice Laundry Foreman  
Indiana State Prison December 29, 1976

Vanessa Cook Parole Agent  
Gary Parole Office November 12, 1980

William W. Wilson Corr. Officer  
Westville Corr Fac May 11, 1987

Phillip Curry Corr. Officer  
Indiana State Prison December 13, 1994

## **About The Department of Correction**

The Department employs over 8,000 employees and houses 24,000 adult and juveniles in 32 facilities, ranging from minimum to maximum custody, prison camps, juvenile facilities and work release centers. The Department's home page on the Internet can be found at: <http://www.in.gov/indcorrection>. The Department's Re-entry Site can be found: <http://www.reentry.in.gov>.